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LITERARY.

The Literary Society will hold its first meeting for this season on next Friday evening at eight o'clock. All members of the Association who desire to improve in speaking and writing are requested to attend. It is proposed to so conduct the Society this year that it may be a personal benefit to all who take part in its exercises. It is to be hoped that many of our young men will take advantage of the opportunities it affords for pleasure and improvement.

THE GOSPEL IN THE OPEN AIR.

Last Sunday our open-air meetings closed for the season. At half-past four o'clock about twenty-five of our workers gathered at the Building and spent an hour in thanksgiving for God's blessing on the work this year. The testimonies which were borne by one after another as to the personal benefit they had derived from the part they had taken in the work, and as to what they had seen as reasons for encouragement and praise were very gratifying. The meetings began on the first Sunday in June, and were only interrupted once by rain. Of the five meetings regularly held, three especially have been largely attended, and a larger proportion of the audience, even than in previous years, has been composed of persons who do not attend church. The regularity with which many of these have attended and the interest with which they have listended to the gospel have greatly encouraged those in charge. Seventy-one meetings in all were held, with a total attendance of 14,730. We cannot feel otherwise than confident that God's word, which has been thus spoken in simplicity and earnestness to so many who do not often hear it, "shall accomplish that which He pleased, and shall prosper in the thing whereto He sent it."

THE LADIES AT WORK.

The Ladies' Advisory Committee met on Monday afternoon and adopted a Constitution which will add to the regularity of its work and its usefulness to the Association. It was determined also to enter upon a vigorous effort to raise the necessary funds to purchase a piano, and plans are being made which promise the fullest success in this undertaking.

SERVICE OF SONG.

The first Service of Song for the season will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3.15 o'clock, lasting one hour. Mr. Chas. M. Singer will conduct it, and there will be severel short addresses. In addition to the congregational singing, the double male quartette, which has lately added so much to the attractions of the Capitol Park open-air meetings, will be present and sing. Let everybody come.

ATTENTION, BOYS!

The Boys' work will begin with an entertainment in Association Hall on Monday evening, October 13th, at 7 o'clock. Tickets will be issued on next Thursday and Friday evenings from 7 to 8, and on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Beginning with the following Tuesday evening the Boys' Rooms in the basement will be open every week-evening (except Monday) from 7 to 8.30. The members of the committee are entering most energetically upon their work, and have reason to hope for the best success.

The most pressing want is suitable periodicals and illustrated books for the Boys' Rooms. The committee earnestly requests all friends of the boys to make search at home and send in anything in this line they can find and are willing to give, whether old or new, in good or bad condition—anything that would be attractive to boys. We need a large supply and ask all that can to help in this matter.

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THE subject for the Young Men's Bible Class to-morrow morning will be the parable of "The Sower." Mr. W. C. Beck will conduct the class in the absence of the Secretary. This will be the last meeting in the morning, as on the following Sabbath the hour will be changed to five o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

THE Detroit Association has arranged for classes in German, Free-Hand Drawing, Latin, French, Music, History, Mechanical Drawing, Penmanship and New Testament Greek. The young men of Detroit must be of a more studious turn of mind than some nearer home.

THE Shippensburg Association has just taken possession of new and pleasant rooms.

THE Chicago Association has begun to hold meetings for boys. The first one had an attendance of 325.

THE Columbus Association held a special service for Commercial Travelers last Sunday afternoon.

THE Railroad Men will resume their weekly Union Prayer Meeting in the Fifth Street M. E. Church to-morrow evening at 6.45.

THE hour for the Hospital meeting has been changed to six o'clock on Sunday evening. This will prove a more convenient hour, and we may expect to see the attendance largely increase.

OUR members will be glad to learn that the Rev. J. R. Paxton, of Washington, has consented to deliver a new lecture at an early date for the benefit of the Association. Further announcements soon.

WE should be glad to receive suggestions or brief communications on any branch of our work for publication in the BULLETIN from time to time. All such matter should reach us not later than Wednesday evening of each week.

THE announcement made in last week's BULLETIN in regard to the Reading Circle has awakened much popular interest, and the class was organized on Wednesday evening under the most promising auspices. The course of study will begin next week. Any person who desires to join can do so by attending the meeting on next Wednesday evening.

PAPERS.

At the General Secretaries' Conference held at Erie on Wednesday, Mr. McConaughy read a paper on "How to keep our committees at work?" and Mr. Lynch on "How to arrange receptions?" At the State Convention Mr. McConaughy also opened the topic "Associations in towns of ten thousand inhabitants and over; the advantage of employing a General Secretary, and its practicability."

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 1879.

SUNDAY.....	9.00 A. M.	Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
October 5.	9.15 "	Young Men's Bible Class. "Parable of the Sower." Matt. xiii: 1–9; 18–23.
	1.30 P. M.	Mission Sunday School at Lochiel.
	3.30 "	Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
	3.15 "	Service of Song. Chas. Singer.
	6.45 "	Railroad Men's Union Prayer Meeting. Fifth Street M. E. Church.
	6.00 "	Service at City Hospital. John A. Borland.
	5.00 "	Bible Class (Colored). Charles May. Calvary Baptist Church, Corner William and Colder Streets.
TUESDAY.....	8.00 "	Board of Manager's Meeting.
WEDNESDAY.....	8.30 "	Christian Work Committee Meeting.
	8.30 "	Reading Circle.
THURSDAY.....	7.30 "	Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class.
FRIDAY.....	8.00 "	Literary Society.
	8.30 "	Cottage Prayer Meeting Committee Meeting.
	8.30 "	Membership Committee Meeting.
SATURDAY.....	8.00 "	Young Men's Meeting. J. Fred. Orth.
EVERY WEEK-DAY.	8.00 A. M.	Daily Prayer Meeting.
	9.45 P. M.	Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sundays, at 8 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY—*Made Nigh by the Blood.*—Eph. ii:11–18; I Pet. iii:18. J. B. Bostick.
TUESDAY—*What God's Grace Brings and Teaches.*—Tit. ii:11–14. Elliott Burkholder.
WEDNESDAY—*Be Slow to Anger.*—Prov. xvi:32; Eph. iv:26, 27; James i:19, 20. John C. Lynch.
THURSDAY—*The Treasures of the Believer in Christ.*—Col. ii:1–3; Eph. iii:8. J. W. Baum.
FRIDAY—*"It is Finished."*—John xix:30; Heb. x:8–14. J. M. Boyd.
SATURDAY—*The Types Explained.*—Heb. ix:1–12. Chas. R. Gumpert.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO ATTEND

DER VEREINS-BOTE, published by the German Y. M. C. A. of Chicago, is in our Reading Room and will be enjoyed by such of our members who understand German.

THE Lecture Committee will soon be prepared to announce the Members' Lecture course for this season. The course this year promises to be an unusually attractive one.

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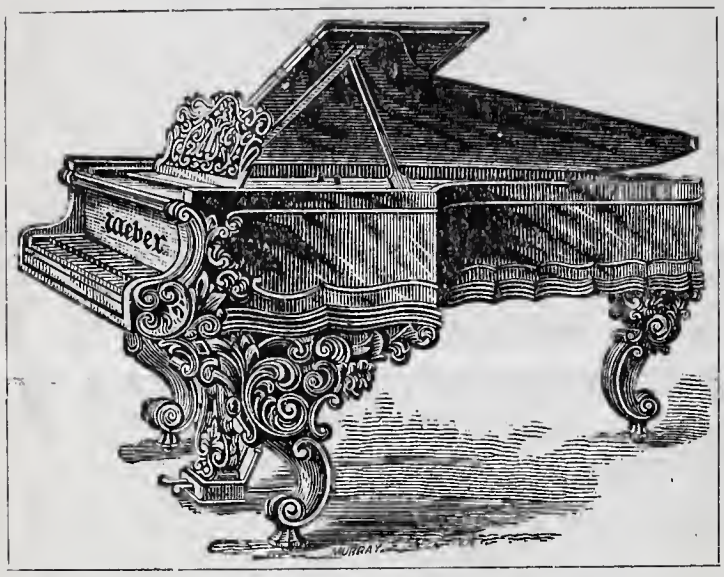

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